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We have been, during our residence here, charmed and intrigued to find that Fairfax is one of the outstanding and unfortunately last remaining Citadels of the Confederacy. Such an attitude, which is quite apparent among real Fairfax citizens, gives much character and strength of purpose to the community, and, too, provides much stimulation of thought and historical interest to many of the relative newcomers.

As a Confederate Citadel, Fairfax comes into its own each year on the 19th of January which is the birthdate of General Robert E. Lee. For General Lee's birthday is celebrated here, not as a casual historical fact, but as if it were a family affair in the sense that he was a beloved member of the Fairfax family and not forgotten. Many of the weekend pleasures are centered about a birthday party for General Lee; outstanding among them will be the Birthday party planned for Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker at their home on Payne Street.

At 8:00 o'clock in the evening many members and guests of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will gather to enjoy a program honoring the memory of General Lee. Mrs. Lafe Allen will sing outstanding Confederate songs such as Lorena and Bonnie Blue Flag, accompanied by Mr. Walter Oliver, Jr., on the AutoHarp. Mr. Carrington Jones will speak and very movingly we are sure for he is well versed and lettered in the finest traditions of the South, yesterday and today. Mrs. Walker, amid the colorful and meangingful decorations of Confederate Flags and red crosses will serve her guests, sherry, sandwiches, coffee and birthday cake.

Among the members and guests present will be: Mrs. Wallace Alvis, President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Captain and Mrs. P. M. Curran, Mrs. Allison, Honorary President of the UDC, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Oliver, Mr. Lindsay Karn, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Stuart Landstreet, Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett, Colonel and Mrs. Edward Offley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kinchloe, Father Durkin from Georgetown University who spoke last year at General Lee's birthday party, Mr. and Mrs. Hardee Chambliss, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carrico, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapman, Mrs. Arnold Stallman, Judge and Mrs. Paul Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Earman, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Barker, Mrs. John Barbour and Miss Hare, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ludwig.

It will be a grand occasion, this waving of the Bonnie Blue Flag. It is to be hoped that General Lee's birthday next year will find the two flags waving more closely together.

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